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January 17, 2003

The Honorable W.J. (Billy) Tauzin
United States **House** of Representatives
2183 Rayburn **House** Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Tauzin:

Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (WCTA) provides a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services and products to communities in north central **Iowa** and south central Minnesota serving over 8,300 customers.

WCTA, like many other rural telephone companies, made investments in our telecommunications equipment to resolve the 'telemarketing nuisance calls' when requested by our customers.

We call our service, "Telemarker Call Screening". I have attached an excerpt from our newsletter describing the feature, and **also** enclosed a brochure.

I am writing to express my concerns of the development of a national 'do-not-call' database **list**, and the cost to individual carriers, such as WCTA, to maintain the database. Especially when I have already made an investment to provide a service to my customers to block telemarketing **calls**.

Why develop a "do-not-call" telemarketing list, and create additional governmental bureaucracies, when there already **is** a means to block the telemarketing **calls** for customers requesting the service?

Sincerely,

Terry Wegener
General Manager

cc: Iowa Senators
Iowa Representatives
Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA
Don Erickson, OPASTCO
FCC Commissioners

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Telemarketer Call Screening

It never fails ...

As soon as you sit down at the dinner table the annoying telemarketing calls begin. If you are tired of being interrupted by telemarketing calls, you need Telemarketer Call Screening (TCS) from WCTA.

**Stop annoying
telemarketer calls.**

TCS will help eliminate interruptions by intercepting telemarketers and instructing them to place you on their "Do Not Call" list, all without even ringing your Dhone! Other callers are asked to dial "1" or stay on the line to be connected. It's simple, easy and only \$2.75 per month,

Sign up today...

It's easy. Simply fill out the back side of this sheet and return it to WCTA.

1-800-592-6105

www.wctatel.net

704 East Main - Lake Mills, Iowa

I want Telemarketer Call Screening!

I understand that I will be billed a one time installation charge of \$12.00 and \$2.75 per month.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Signature _____
(Required)

Date _____

Return to:

WCTA
704 East Main
Lake Mills, IA 50450

1-800-592-6105



Linking you to the World

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Tired of Racing to the Phone Only to Find It's a Telemarketer?

There **is** no doubt that telemarketing calls can be intrusive and frustrating, especially during dinner **family** time. WCTA's Telemarketer Call Screening can help put an end to annoying telemarketing calls

Here **is how** it works. Most telemarketer calls **are** delivered as "Unknown". Telemarketer Call Screening intercepts **these calls** and plays an announcement stating:

"The number you have reached does not accept calls from telemarketers. If you are a telemarketer, please add **this** number to your 'Do Not **Call**' list and hang up **now**. Otherwise, please **press 1** or stay on the line and your call will go through."

The **best** part is, your phone doesn't even ring! **Call** WCTA today at 1-800-592-6105 to put an end to annoying telemarketers **at** your house. It's fast, easy, and only \$2.75 per month.